Secret Service Keeps Eye on Unfunny Girl

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Susan Sadownick, 21, a student from the Bronx, said something she thought was funny while trying to make a tour of the White House on Jan. 18.

The White House police didn't think it was funny, and they arrested her on charges of threatening the life of President-elect Nixon.

Unable to post $5000 bond for almost a week, she sat in jail. She showed up for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 30, which meant traveling to Washington from New York. The Government was not ready. General Sessions Court Judge Justin L. Edgerton at that time set a new preliminary hearing for yesterday, and Miss Sadownick went back home.

But on Feb. 5 a grand jury refused to indict her on the basis of the evidence presented. The charges were dropped the next day.

And now the New York field office of the Secret Service, which has received two carbon copies of a report on her will be making further reports on her activities every three months.

Miss Sadownick's story began about 11 a.m. on Jan. 18 when she and a friend went to the White House for a tour. A guard, Pvt. Joseph J. Needham, told the couple to leave in a locker a suitcase and some shopping bags they carried.

Pvt. Needham said he heard one of them remark, "Have you got the bomb in the bag?" He turned them away after finding no bombs.

The two complained to a second guard, Pvt. Henry S. Kulbaski, about their treatment. That is when, according to Pvt. Kubalski, Miss Sadownick said, "I wouldn't kill Johnson; he's on his way out. But I would kill Nixon if I had the opportunity, but I don't have the opportunity."

She was questioned, searched and taken to Secret Service offices. Two hours later agents informed her she was under arrest.